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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09 / 755,769 First Named Applicant: Shahine
 Examiner: NGUYEN, Lê V. Art Unit: 2174 Status of Application: Final Rejection/Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Mark Watson (Atty for Applicant) (2) Kristine Kincaid (SPE)
 (3) Lê V. Nguyen (Examiner) (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 2/27/2004 Proposed Time: 10:00 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: YES NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claims 1, 27, 45</u>	<u>Smith (US 5,923,327)</u> <u>Smith (US 5,923,327)</u> <u>Cushman (US 5,923,327)</u> <u>Shirakawa (US 5,923,327)</u>	[]	[]	[]
(2) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claims 1-57</u>	<u>Baldwin, US 6,496,201</u>	[]	[]	[]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]

[] Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

M.P.E.P. 707.07(f) requires that "where the applicant traverses any rejection, the examiner should, if he or she repeats the rejection, take note of the applicant's argument and answer the substance of it." The Office Action fails to address the substance of any of the Applicants Arguments. The cited art can not support the arguments advanced by the Office Action. W/R independent claims 1, 27, 45, a pre-defined arrangement is NOT a priority-based arrangement

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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